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RE: Liberty State Park Revitalization Program Update

Dear Legislators,

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) appreciates your interest in and support of the Liberty State Park Revitalization Program and offers this background and status report as a further supplement to the briefing materials last provided to legislative offices in October 2023. All of the information here, as well as routine status updates, is publicly available at the revitalization website (<https://dep.nj.gov/revitalizelsp>).

DEP also acknowledges your letter of January 26, 2024. We note that there appears to be some misunderstanding regarding the restoration and resilience elements of the park's interior, which will provide deeply needed flood and climate change resilience measures for both the neighboring community and the park itself. There may also be some confusion with respect to the extensive, long-term, and genuine public engagement that DEP has undertaken for nearly four years, both prior to and since the Liberty State Park Design Task Force was initially created by DEP administrative order in 2021 and its membership later expanded by legislation in 2022.

We hope that this update clarifies any issues of concern to legislators and we invite all members to contact us at any time for further discussion. DEP also renews its previous offer to provide regular briefings to members and staff as the revitalization program proceeds.

### **Background**

Liberty State Park (LSP) is one of few remaining contiguous open green spaces along the highly developed Northern New Jersey/New York City waterfront. LSP is comprised of ~600 acres of uplands and includes the 21-acre Caven Point peninsula, which is one of the last undisturbed and protected natural areas within the greater Hudson River Estuary. All of the lands and waters comprising LSP are encumbered by multiple federal and state law restrictions that limit the development potential of LSP and restrict its use to natural resource conservation and public outdoor recreation purposes.

Approximately 235 acres located at the center of the park (known as the LSP Interior) have long been fenced off and unavailable to the public due to the contamination of environmental media from historic dumping and industrial activities. Through a state-federal partnership between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and DEP, plans have been in development for over a decade to clean up the legacy pollution, conduct ecological restoration, and construct nature-based solutions that would serve critical flooding and climate resilience functions.

With funding derived from the proceeds of polluter-pays lawsuits won by DEP, and those appropriated by the Legislature to DEP for these natural resource restoration purposes in 2019, DEP advanced engineered designs for the LSP Interior, an initial version of which was first presented to the public in 2020.

### ***Early Public Engagement and Dedication of Land for Athletic Purposes***

A year of deep, genuine public engagement followed the 2020 release of the initial version of the Interior plan, generating thousands of public comments during a series of open, assessable public meetings, in addition to an array of multilingual surveys and smaller more intimate stakeholder convenings. At first, these engagements centered on concerns over the nature and extent of the legacy pollution cleanup, and whether new park features would be safe for the public. As those concerns were addressed by DEP, public demands for new active recreation amenities within LSP began to surface, such as dedicated or multi-use athletic fields capable of better serving local youth within LSP's host community of Jersey City.

In response to these demands, and consistent with DEP's commitment to better serving the needs of open-space constrained communities, between 2020 and 2021, DEP pursued an unprecedented change to state lands management policy. Such a change was necessary because state lands, including our state parks, have been reserved for conservation and passive outdoor recreation purposes since the very establishment of the State Parks Service (e.g., hiking, walking, and other nature-based recreation). There are no structured sports or athletic facilities in any of New Jersey's fifty-two state parks; nor are there such facilities in national parks and most other state parks around the nation. Rather, athletic facilities are typically the province of county, municipal, and school board-owned and operated parks. Of course, DEP provides significant financial support to these local government instrumentalities through the distribution of hundreds of millions of dollars in local park land acquisition and local parks development funding.

With this change to state lands policy, and clearly seeing the need for active recreation amenities to better serve LSP's host community and all of its visitors, DEP substantially revised initial plans for the Interior. DEP also broadened its focus beyond the interior to the parkwide revitalization effort now unfolding. At significant State expense, DEP ordered the initial Interior plan to be reengineered to enable more than 60 acres of land to be made available for active recreational development. The majority of these acres would be within a *Southern Athletics Hub* to be constructed in LSP-South, which is discussed in more detail below.

To put this designation of 60 acres of state land in context, note that there are approximately 120 acres of city-owned parkland in Jersey City. In short, DEP's intent to better serve its host community through this designation would expand the inventory of active recreational space in



Jersey City by at least fifty percent. DEP is also exploring additional active recreational opportunities in other areas of LSP through continued public and Task Force engagement. DEP is of course mindful that no other locality in New Jersey receives such a generous state-sponsored benefit. However, DEP believes that LSP is unique in its urban setting and that the park has sufficient carrying capacity to accommodate active recreation components, and especially those that afford more opportunities for youth athletics in this highly urbanized setting. While sizable, DEP's commitment to better serve LSP's host community will not solve all local open space and park needs or remedy what some constituents have described as inadequate school athletic facilities in need of investment. DEP's commitment to the community is nonetheless genuine and, with your continued support, the LSP Revitalization Program will add significant athletics and active recreational capacity to the region.

DEP also recognizes that there are many state and federal restrictions that govern the use and development of individual parcels of land comprising LSP. To that end, DEP must strategically locate athletic uses in specific areas and ensure that they remain accessible to all of the public and may not strictly reserve their use for sports teams native to Jersey City. DEP similarly recognizes that no uses of state land can be dedicated for purely revenue-generating purposes and the Department has no such intent in planning and developing active recreation, athletic, or other facilities at LSP. Despite the programming challenges, DEP believes that the ends of substantially increasing active recreation capacity are achievable and DEP is endeavoring to plan the placement, scope, scale, and particular features of future athletic facilities through its continuing open and transparent public process.

### ***Continued Public Engagement and Task Force Organization***

The deep public engagement that began in 2020 prompted DEP to broaden its approach from the original Interior project to a parkwide revitalization effort. To aide that effort, DEP formally established the advisory Liberty State Park Design Task Force (Task Force) in August 2021 by way of [Administrative Order 2021-18](#). Its purpose: to advise DEP on iterative park planning and design decisions and, most importantly, to support DEP in operationalizing public feedback to ensure that park improvement decisions were responsive to and likely to meet the diverse needs of the public. The Task Force met six times between September 2021 and June 2022. The members of the Task Force shared a range of opinions and, despite some conflicts between and among member opinions, there are many recommendations that have broad consensus. This includes consensus to reserve at least 60 acres of state land for active recreation and athletic purposes. The Task Force considerations and consensus items through June 2022 were committed to a written [Summary of Advisory Group Consideration & Recommendations](#) that is publicly available on the revitalization website, along with recordings of all public meetings, and materials from DEP's Task Force and public engagements.

The public and Task Force processes that unfolded between September 2020 and June 2022 clarified that a phased approach to parkwide revitalization would be most appropriate, especially considering the vast size and scale of LSP, the lag in availability of land for improvement given time-consuming contaminant cleanup needs, and the varied legal limitations on use that apply to the individual parcels of land comprising LSP. The interim result was the identification of a three-phase [Liberty State Park Revitalization Program](#) that aims to restore and enhance natural features; provide active outdoor recreation amenities, including athletics facilities; add arts, cultural, and



community spaces; expand passive recreation opportunities; improve transportation to and within the park; and, importantly, build resilience to flooding and climate change through the use of nature-based solutions.

### *Task Force Expansion and Continued Public Engagement on LSP Revitalization Phases*

DEP was heartened by the legislative acknowledgement of the Department's deep engagement with the public and work with the Task Force upon the introduction of the Liberty State Park Conservation, Recreation, and Community Inclusion Act, [P.L. 2022, c. 45](#), (Act) in mid-2022. Defining the Task Force as "the Liberty State Park Design Task Force established by the commissioner by administrative order dated September 23, 2021," reflected added legislative support for revitalization plans well into their development and the potential for future funding. Indeed, the Act appropriated an initial \$50 million "to support activities identified by the Liberty State Park Design Task Force, and approved by the department, primarily to improve recreational, cultural, and transportation activities and maintain and upgrade scenic and wildlife habitats and areas at Liberty State Park." We again thank our legislative partners for their support.

As you know, the Act retained the original 17 Task Force members and added two appointees each from the Governor, Senate President, and Speaker. As you also know, these six new appointments were not completed until many months later, on October 10, 2023. Afterward, the expanded Task Force met on November 28, 2023.

As new Task Force appointments were pending, most of the existing 17 members encouraged DEP to continue its work on revitalization planning and implored the Department not to "restart" the process that had been underway for nearly three years and had yielded significant results. DEP agreed and the Department simultaneously launched a procurement process to prequalify professional park design and development firms to support the effort while continuing the Department's longstanding practice of open, transparent, and genuine engagement with the public.

To that end, DEP held two widely publicized and well-attended open houses on May 24, 2023 and October 18, 2023. The goal was to share concepts and potential alternatives for park improvements and collect feedback from the public that could be used to inform forthcoming Task Force discussions and the more granular park design decisions to follow. Recognizing that none of the Task Force members are professional park planners or designers capable of preparing concept plans to prompt public discourse, DEP-retained professionals developed concepts to serve as such prompts. Of course, these prompts do not constitute final decisions, nor has DEP dictated outcomes. To do so would be wholly inconsistent with the spirit of community and service that has guided the Department through this nearly four-year process. It has been DEP's expectation that the Task Force would provide its advice for park features regardless of what appears on demonstratives intended to spark public discourse. This has indeed been the case during Task Force meetings.

The open houses hosted by DEP have provided an opportunity for the type of genuine public engagement noted in the January 26, 2024 legislative letter as a critical component in this process. The open houses have featured stations staffed by park design professionals that are dedicated to the various programming opportunities past public comment and surveys have indicated to be desirable (e.g., various types of athletics, arts, culture, history, nature, education, transportation,



gathering). This modality provides an opportunity for members of the public to engage directly with professionals about park features most important to them. Such engagements have proved crucial to getting the granular details necessary to design park elements that will speak directly to community need. DEP intends to continue this approach, which also provides an opportunity to collect public comment cards, which are being tabulated for Task Force review and consideration.

Open houses are of course not the only form of public engagement being pursued. DEP hosts an interactive [LSP Revitalization website](#) where all planning materials are accessible, and where the public has been encouraged to submit written comments. For example, one of several public comment periods, pertaining to alternatives for development at the park's northern end, recently closed in late in 2023. Over 2,700 comments were received. Recognizing that Task Force members are generously volunteering their time to provide DEP with advice, DEP staff has aggregated the public comments and provided them to the Task Force for their review. DEP staff will continue to support the Task Force in this regard.

Additionally, meetings of the Task Force itself are being held in a hybrid fashion, with options for the public to attend in-person and online. Online attendees are able to submit comments in the chat feature of the online platform, and future Task Force meetings will also provide an opportunity for live public comment. These Task Force meetings are also recorded and housed on the [LSP Revitalization website](#), along with all materials presented and discussed during meetings.

DEP understands its practice of creating multiple and varied forums for public engagement and opportunity for comment to be consistent with the Act, which requires the Task Force to consider public comments and for those comments to inform the advisory recommendations that Task Force members share with DEP. Of course, when sharing their advice with DEP, Task Force members are expected to consider the multitude of public comments, some of them conflicting. DEP expects that Task Force members will seek to aid DEP in achieving balance among competing public needs and that Task Force members will not only base their advice to DEP on those public comments with which Task Force members individually agree, or upon positions with which they may agree by virtue of their other personal, professional, or political affiliations outside of the Task Force.

Consistent with the Act, the Department will receive advice and recommendations from members through meetings of the Task Force, and DEP will then consider that Task Force advice as the Department develops (1) short-term action items designed to improve public use and enjoyment of conservation and recreation areas within LSP, and (2) a long-term master plan. Resulting recommendations from this planning process will be presented to legislators and the New Jersey Commission on Capital Budgeting and Planning consistent with standard practice for potential capital investments by the State.

### **Liberty State Park Revitalization Program: Phases and Status**

As noted above, the pre-Act public process administered by DEP between September 2020 and June 2022 clarified that a phased approach to the revitalization would be most appropriate, especially considering the vast size and scale of LSP, the lag in availability of land for improvement given time-consuming contaminant cleanup needs, and the varied legal limitations on development and use that apply to the individual parcels of land that comprise LSP.



The Legislature too observed that a phased approach would be most appropriate, directing DEP to develop both short-term actions items to improve public use and enjoyment while simultaneously preparing a longer-term master plan. DEP has proceeded exactly in this manner.

Through this phased approach, the LSP Revitalization Program will bring more than one hundred acres of active recreational, athletics, arts, and cultural improvements to LSP's perimeter and create a central park at its heart with world-class natural landscapes that build resilience to flooding and climate change while providing passive recreation and educational opportunities for the public.

### ***LSP-Interior (Phase 1A): Cleanup, Restoration & Resilience***

The Interior Cleanup, Restoration & Resilience project, also known as Phase 1A of the broader LSP Revitalization, is a longstanding USACE-DEP endeavor to clean up and restore ~235 acres of land polluted by legacy dumping and industrial activities. Initial assessment and planning for the project began more than a decade ago, with engineered designs under development since 2018.

An initial design concept for the LSP-Interior was released in September 2020, and extensive public comment was received from October 2020 through June 2022, which resulted in multiple design changes at the request of the public. One major design change involved removing more than 50 acres from the interior restoration area. Those 50 acres, which were first designed as natural areas and passive recreation features, were instead designated for the development of a large Athletics Hub capable of serving the needs of local youth to be constructed in connection with the broader LSP-South phase, discussed below.

As previously explained, a history of industrial contamination has kept visitors from accessing the interior of LSP, which comprises nearly forty-percent of the park's land area. Remediating the legacy pollution and restoring natural resources within the interior will ultimately open up more space for public enjoyment and unlock future phases of the park's revitalization. Importantly, the Interior project will also provide critical flood and climate resilience benefits to the surrounding developed features of the park and the neighboring communities.

The LSP-Interior project is principally funded by the proceeds of polluter-pays lawsuits won by DEP, including funding appropriated by the Legislature to DEP for these natural resource restoration purposes in 2019. The project has now been fully design engineered, [ground broke on initial actions in October 2023](#), and construction is now underway.

LSP-Interior cleanup and restoration activities will unfold over the next several years, and DEP has provided and will continue providing routine updates on the progress of Phase 1A to the public. The end result will be a 165-acre central park at the heart of LSP that provides opportunities for passive recreation, conservation activities, and outdoor environmental education atop and within a nature-based flood risk reduction project.

The January 26, 2024 legislative letter presents questions about the LSP-Interior that DEP is happy to resolve. Respectfully, DEP notes that the letter inaccurately states that the Department made a "decision to flood 170 acres in the center of LSP." While it is not clear why the Legislature would believe this, DEP is aware of certain private interests and individuals who have been knowingly and purposefully circulating misinformation along these very same lines. It is alarming that such



misinformation could influence our partnership on this important project. DEP will do its part, and invites you to join us, in correcting such misinformation wherever it is encountered.

As you know, DEP is the agency responsible for administering the Flood Hazard Area Control Act, the Inland Flood Protection Rules, and the Coastal Zone Management Rules, and for stewarding billions of dollars in civil works and nature-based flood risk reduction projects all across New Jersey. It is through the lens of this expertise, and in continuing consultation with USACE and professional engineers who have designed Phase 1A, that DEP offers the following information to aid our collective efforts to address misinformation and assuage any perceived concerns that the interior project may cause or contribute to flooding (which, again, is false).

### *The LSP-Interior (Phase 1A) Will Reduce, Not Exacerbate Local Flooding*

As reflected on the [publicly accessible plans for Phase 1A](#), the Interior restoration and resilience elements include less than seven acres of open water and will reintroduce native ecological features once present at LSP before the park lands and waters were used for dumping and industrial activities. These ecological features are known for their demonstrated flood mitigation properties and are also referred to as “nature-based solutions” to flooding, urban stormwater runoff, and climate change risks. Portions of LSP-Interior will be lowered to create tidal and freshwater wetlands areas. Wetlands are not always permanently inundated features, and one of their greatest values, especially within this densely developed urban area, are resiliency and storm surge attenuation during storm events. In such events, these nature-based flood and climate resilience features act as an energy dissipator while also offering additional flood storage capacity during weather events.

Additionally, a berm within the center-west of the interior has been designed and will be constructed to keep the freshwater wetlands from being intruded with salt and tidal water. The top of the berm will be at 10 foot elevation. The freshwater wetland area is designed to capture storm water runoff from the developed upstream drainage areas west of the park. This provides additional flood storage, beyond the existing conditions, for the upstream drainage area for rain derived flooding events. Furthermore, by lowering the elevation on the eastern portion of the interior, earth will be relocated and mounded to the west, *i.e.*, closer to the community, thereby adding more protection for the community from coastal flooding.

Furthermore, due in part to its specifically designed tidal channel network, the interior project will reduce the area of inundation associated with both 100- and 500-year storm events. On-site storage for both tidal and rainfall events will also be increased, thereby reducing nuisance flooding and storm-induced flooding in surrounding areas. The interior project is also anticipated to decrease the inland extent of the “Limit of Moderate Wave Action.” This reduction of wave energy will benefit inland infrastructure and development, including the Liberty Science Center and the SciTech Scity currently in development.

In short, through the aforementioned features, together with other grading and vegetation improvements, the project will afford surrounding inland properties a degree of protection that they do not have presently. The benefits of this protection will be real and tangible for the surrounding residents and businesses, as well as for newly developed features of the park itself.



### *Summary of LSP Interior (Phase 1A) Features*

Other highlights of the interior project, a video demonstration of which is publicly accessible on the LSP Revitalization website, include:

- Cleanup of areas long closed to the public due to legacy industrial contamination.
- Ecological restoration and construction of nature-based solutions that serve critical flooding and climate resilience functions for the community and promote ecological uplift that serves native fish and wildlife species.
- Creation of multiple hilltop scenic overlooks with dramatic views of the NJ/NY harbor and skylines.
- Reintroduction of native vegetation, meadows, and urban forested areas that will reduce heat island affects associated with climate change.
- Development of outdoor classroom and environmental education programming.
- All features bound together in a 5.6 mile walking and running trail network.

### ***LSP-North (Phase 1B): Immediate Active Recreation, Arts & Culture***

In response to the public demand for near-term park improvements that was shared throughout the first three years of community engagement, and consistent with the Act's directive to identify short-term action items to improve public use and enjoyment, DEP identified just under 100 acres at the park's northern end as candidates for more immediate improvements. This area, along the Audrey Zapp Drive Corridor, provides multiple opportunities for adding athletics, arts, and cultural amenities within the next two to five years while the cleanup of the interior is ongoing and more clean land is brought online for restoration and park development.

Currently the subject of public comment and Task Force discussion, LSP-North shows promise for the construction of public outdoor recreation, arts, and cultural facilities, including a Northern Athletics Hub, some of which could commence construction in late 2024. In particular, the development of Phase 1B would provide more immediately accessible athletics opportunities for the public while the interior cleanup proceeds and land is prepared for the future construction of a 50 acre Southern Athletics Hub and other active recreational opportunities identified through the LSP-South (Phase 2) planning process explained further below.

DEP appreciates the reflections in the January 26, 2024 legislative letter regarding the addition of three playing fields in LSP-North, which may not be sufficient to serve all of the needs that have been identified throughout our multi-year process of deep public engagement. Importantly, if ultimately selected for the Phase 1B plan following Task Force advice, these fields, in addition to court-based and other sports, would only represent the beginning of DEP's significant commitment to adding athletic and active recreation capacity at LSP.

The important point, however, is that such alternatives in LSP-North could be constructed in the near-term as more extensive athletic capacity is planned and design engineered for development in LSP-South in areas that are currently undergoing cleanup. As directed by the Act, DEP is simultaneously planning both of these near-term and longer-term additions.



In response to concerns articulated in the January 26, 2024 letter that DEP has somehow dictated outcomes without genuine public engagement or consulting the Task Force, and as explained above, DEP-retained park design professionals offered ideas for park development to serve as prompts for both public and Task Force engagement that could ultimately lead to a selected plan. Importantly, more than 2,700 public comments concerning options for Phase 1B have been received. These comments have been presented to the Task Force for their review and advice. DEP expects to receive that advice soon and will endeavor to complete the process of public engagement and Task Force consultation on Phase 1B early in this calendar year while also launching the Phase 2 planning process explained in more detail below.

This continuing and iterative planning process will ultimately support the development of engineered designs. Notably, it already appears that there are many Phase 1B consensus items for which design, and potentially some limited construction, could commence late this year or early next. DEP will be sure to advise our legislative partners as the planning discussions progress.

Some of the opportunities, to be further refined by public comment and Task Force advice, include:

- Constructing public amenities along the Audrey Zapp Drive corridor, *i.e.*, from Jersey Avenue to the Central Railroad of New Jersey (CRRNJ) Terminal Building.
- Creating a *Northern Athletics Hub* for public outdoor active recreation amenities, including multi-purpose athletic fields and support facilities.
- Rehabilitating and repurposing the historic CRRNJ train sheds as covered outdoor public community space and marketplace.
- Making critical infrastructure improvements to road and transitways along the Audrey Capp Drive corridor.
- Developing arts and cultural spaces, including a public outdoor amphitheater with a harbor/skyline backdrop.
- Adding playground, concessions, and other public gathering spaces.
- Evaluate and begin transportation and internal circulation improvements.

Please be assured that DEP has heard and appreciates the guidance in your letter of January 26, 2024 concerning the addition of athletics facilities. We hope this letter clarifies that the provision of abundant athletics capacity at LSP has been DEP's intent since 2020. To the extent that public comment and Task Force advice on LSP-North (Phase 1B) suggest the need for greater athletics capacity, as we suspect it will, this capacity is available in LSP-South (Phase 2). Programming of more than 50 acres for athletic and active recreation purposes will be the first topic of our collective planning in that area of the park, which DEP will embark upon at the next Task Force meeting. DEP has repeated this important commitment repeatedly to the public and Task Force members.



### ***LSP-South (Phase 2): Southern and Waterfront Areas***

The LSP Revitalization Program also includes planning improvements for LSP-South (Phase 2), *i.e.*, the southern and waterfront areas of LSP along Morris Pesin Drive and Thomas McGovern Drive, and east to Freedom Way.

Reference to LSP-South (Phase 2) was unfortunately omitted from the January 26, 2024 legislative letter. The ongoing effort to plan and pursue improvements to LSP-South is consistent with the Act's directive that DEP develop "a long-term master plan for Liberty State Park that includes improvement of park facilities, programs, and amenities." To this end, DEP is actively seeking Task Force advice on LSP-South development options and has recently secured a professional parks design team to aid DEP in this effort. Planning for LSP-South will be one of the primary topics of our next Task Force meeting on January 30, 2024.

Some of the options for Phase 2 could include, but may not be limited to:

- Development of the *Southern Athletics Hub* identified by the 2020-2022 public process, which would complement Phase 1B recreation amenities.
- Public athletics such as a track and field center, integrated multi-use fields, basketball courts, racquet courts, skate park, and support facilities along Thomas McGovern Drive.
- Potential community pool, aquatics center, and/or community gardens along Morris Pesin Drive.
- Enhancement of coastal wetland habitat and resources in the southern and waterfront areas with improvements to public access and development of boat and kayak launches.
- Additional long-term parking and intra-park transit solutions.

Importantly, and as explained above, more than 50 acres were removed from the LSP-Interior project (Phase 1A) and designated for development of a Southern Athletics Hub within LSP-South (Phase 2), which would complement the more immediate athletic offerings to be developed in LSP-North (Phase 1B).

It is important to note that the area most suitable for a series of contiguous athletic facilities requires cleanup similar to the land designated for the Interior project (Phase 1A). DEP determined that the public need and demand for active recreation within LSP would best be served by undertaking cleanup at the site of the future Southern Athletics Hub now, while planning the specific features to be developed there in the course of ongoing public and Task Force engagement. Given the overwhelming public support for and Task Force consensus concerning the development of the Southern Athletics Hub, DEP allocated a portion of funding by the Act to support the cleanup of this future athletics area. Cleanup of the area is being undertaken contemporaneous with that of Phase 1A, which positions DEP to realize mobilization efficiencies that will both reduce overall cost and time to delivery. As previously offered, DEP would be glad to provide a briefing for legislators on the allocation of funding from the Act and anticipated future funding needs.

Please be assured that forthcoming public engagement and Task Force consultation will focus on LSP-South (Phase 2) planning, including the design of multiple athletic fields that will add significantly to the inventory of athletic capacity in Jersey City and Hudson County. We hope that



our progress on this longstanding commitment helps to clarify the concerns about athletics capacity shared in the January 26, 2024 legislative letter.

### **Conclusion**

My DEP colleagues are working tirelessly to deliver on the promise of a revitalized Liberty State Park that better serves the diverse needs of our communities, enhances our natural environment, and stands as a reflection of New Jersey's proud history and bright future. We hope that your questions and concerns were answered in this update on our past activities and those to come. Our offer to provide direct briefings to you or your staff is a continuing one and we welcome you to contact us at any time. My direct office can be reached at (609) 292-2885.

Thank you for your continued advocacy on behalf of New Jersey's residents and for your support of DEP and its important mission.

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